

# IN JANE AUSTEN'S TIME

**Jane Austen's novels describe the life of peace and plenty, and yet life was very hard for most people. How much do you know about these times. Read the questions and decide which answer is correct.**

**1. Life expectancy was:**

- a) 26    b) 37    c) 48    d) 59

**2. Women could not:**

- a) Vote  
b) Inherit titles and estates  
c) Study at university  
d) All the answers are correct

**3. "Bluestockings" was a term used to describe:**

- a) Aristocrats  
b) Successful businessmen  
c) Educated, independent women  
d) Foreigners

**4. The English society was based on a rigid social hierarchy. Woman could only upgrade her social status through:**

- a) Education  
b) Marriage  
c) Profession  
d) Occupation

**5. Courtship followed rigid rules. Unrelated and single males and females were not allowed to:**

- a) Be left alone together  
b) To write each other  
c) To give presents  
d) All the answers are correct

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## NOTES FOR TEACHERS

1. Answer Key:
  1. b
  2. d
  3. c
  4. b
  5. d
2. To wrap up the quiz, ask your students if they would like to live in Jane Austen's time. Why?